

Cable Office Report
CCAC Meeting – February 26, 2008

Since Last CCAC Meeting:

- MFP Work session on Cable Operators' Quarterly Compliance
- Council Public Hearing on Cavalier Franchise Agreement
- MFP Work session on Preliminary Cable Plan
- FY09 Budget review with OMB Director
- FY09 Budget review with the County Executive

General

- Special Election to fill Mrs. Praisner's seat – Primaries 4/15; General 5/13
- MFP Committee - Duchy Trachtenberg, Chair; Roger Berliner, Phil Andrews

Budget

- FY09 Request
 - County Executive will transmit his recommended budget to Council on 3/17/08
 - County Executive press conference currently scheduled for 3/17/08 at 10:00am, will be carried live on CCM
 - Council will hold hearings on the FY09 operating budget – 4/7, 4/8, 4/9, 4/10
 - MFP work sessions date TBD
 - CCAC may want to submit recommendations to the Council

Cavalier

- March 4, Council will introduce Resolution to extend for 60 days
- March 6, MFP work session at 2:00
- March 11, Council will act on Resolution to extend for 60 days

Comcast

- Representatives from Comcast met with Patrick Lacefield, Public Information Officer
- Cable Office met with representatives from Comcast to discuss reporting requirements
- Inspection Violations – Cable staff and CTC met with Comcast concerning outstanding violations and have implemented changes in the reporting process. Outstanding violations have decreased

RCN

- RCN has implemented a notification process to inform the County when scheduled system maintenance and outages will occur affecting the County's internet service.
- RCN will provide the County's Recreation Department free Wi-Fi at two rec. centers.

Verizon

- Verizon is currently conducting the Winter Proof of Performance Tests. DTS staff were trained and observed the testing that took place in Verizon's headend.



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Montgomery County Council Releases Details for District 4 Special Elections

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Montgomery County Council Releases Details for District 4 Special Elections

Special Primaries Will Be Held April 15, General Election on May 13 in Councilmember Marilyn Praisner's District

ROCKVILLE, February 21, 2008—The Montgomery County Council earlier this week unanimously approved dates for special primaries and a special general election to fill the District 4 seat left vacant by the recent passing of Councilmember Marilyn Praisner. Today, the Council announced additional details concerning the special election.

Mrs. Praisner, who was the longest serving current member of the Council in her fifth term, passed away Friday, Feb. 1, of complications following heart valve replacement surgery. She was 66.

The resolution approved by the Council on Feb. 19 established that special primary elections will be held Tuesday, April 15. The general election will be held Tuesday, May 13.

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and residents of District 4 as of the day of the general election (May 13).

Candidates intending to be on a ballot in either the Democratic or Republican primaries must file by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 24. That date is set by Maryland law (21 days prior to the election). Party affiliation is determined by the status of an individual on Nov. 19, 2007, and cannot be changed for this special election.

Candidates who are not registered Democrats or Republicans can have their names on the general election ballot by filing a petition with the valid signatures of one percent of the registered voters in the district. [That figure is currently estimated to be about 1,000 signatures, but it may change following further research by the Board of Elections.] Petition candidates must file a "declaration of intent" by 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 22. Petitions must be filed with the Board of Elections by April 15. A candidate cannot both be on the ballot in a primary and file a petition to be on the general election ballot.

The nine-member Council, which is composed of five members elected to represent defined districts and four at large members, was elected in November 2006. Each was elected to a four-year term. District 4 includes all or parts of Aspen Hill, Burtonsville, Calverton, Cloverly, Colesville, Derwood, Fairland, Olney, Sandy Spring, Silver Spring, Spencerville,

Wheaton and White Oak.

To be eligible to vote in the election, voters must be registered by Tuesday, March 25. Regular absentee ballots for the primaries must be requested by Tuesday, April 8. Regular absentee ballots for the general election must be requested by Tuesday, May 6.

For more information regarding the special primaries and election, call the Board of Elections at 240-777-VOTE (8683).

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